Trading Corporation of India for deepening of Paradip Port to receive iron ore carriers upto 2 lakh DWT. However, after discussions, the proposal waws revised in June, 1985 which envisages Port facilities for ore vessels of size upto 1,70,000 DWT.

(b) A working group constituted by Government to examine various issues involved in the proposal has given its report. Government has not yet taken a decision on the proposal.

Commission to look into Police Atrocities on women

880. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Session of the AIWC which met at Gwalior recently in connection with the Police atrocities committed on women has demanded that the Central and State Government's to punish the guilty and to provide special compensation to the victims, and if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint/constitute a permanent Parliamentary Commission on women in the country; and

(c) by when such a Commission is likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS ASD SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Women and Child Development is examining the resolutions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

दिल्ली में प्रशिक्षणार्थी नर्सों की वृत्तिका

881. **श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री 5 नवम्बर, 1986 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 217 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि लोक नायक जयप्रकाश नारायण अस्पताल, दिल्ली में प्रशिक्षणार्थी नर्सों को तीन महीने की अवधि की पी०टी०एस० प्रशिक्षण परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण करने के पश्चात् पिछले तीन चार वर्षों से वृत्तिका दी जा रही है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त अवधि के दौरान पी०टी०एस० परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण प्रशिक्षणार्थी नर्सों को तीन महीने के स्थान पर केवल दो महीने के लिए वृत्तिका दी जा रही है और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार तीन महीने की अवधि के लिए वृत्तिका का पूरा भुगतान करने संबंधी व्यवस्था करने का विचार रखती है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : (क) जी नहीं, लोक नायक जय प्रकाश नारायण अस्पताल, नई दिल्ली से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार प्रशिक्षणार्थी नर्सों को उनके दाखिले की तारीख से प्रशिक्षण पूरा होने तक निरन्तर वजीफा दिया जाता है ।

(ख) और (ग) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

STD Facility in Thodupuzha

882. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Member of Parliament has written to him to provide public STD facility at Thodupuzha (Kerala);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any decision has been ttken thereon and if so, when;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to take positive steps to provide STD public call facilities at Thodupuzha immediately and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Shri V. Gopalsamy wrote on 31-1-1986 to open STD Public Telephone at Thodupuzha.

(b) One STD Public Telephone at Jyothi super Bazer Thodupuzha has been provided on 29-12-1986.

(c) Not applicable in view of reply at (b) above.

(d) No applicable in view of reply at (b) above.

Agreement with Japanese Banks by AI

883. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has signed a loan agreement with 8 Japanese Banks for 80 million dollars for the purchase of nine Air buses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Air India has signed an agreement for US $ 80 million with a consortium of eight Japanese banks led by M/s Yasuda Trust Banking Company, Singapore. This is to partially finance the undrawn balance of $ 130 million from the Export Credit Loan of $ 220 million which was obtained for the acquisition of six A-310-300 Airbus aircraft. The agreement for $ 80 million which is based on LIBOR flat is envsaged to be swapped into fixed interest loan.

Five A-310-300 aircraft have already been delivered to Air-India and the sixth aircraft will be delivered shortly.

Lecturers Promoted as Readers

884. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total numoer of lecturers promoted as Readers the merit promotion scheme of University Grants Commission during the last three yetrs in central universities;

(b) what is the total number of Readers promoted as Professors under the same scheme during the last three years in central universities; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay on the table of the House a statement giving details of merits of lecturers and Readers promoted as Readers and Professors under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) A statement giving number of teachers promoted as Readers and Professors under the Merit Promotion Scheme in the Central Universities is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

The merit of the teachers who are promoted under the scheme is judged by the University according to the guidelines laid down by the University Grants Commission.